

Cooperation Arrangement Between
The Department Of Transportation
(National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)
Of The United States Of America
and the
National Police Agency Of Japan

**For Cooperation Concerning Traffic Safety, Intelligent Transportation Systems,
Emergency Access And Emergency Response**

The Department of Transportation of the United States of America and the National Police Agency of Japan (hereinafter referred to as Participants):

Recognizing that death and injury from traffic crashes is a serious public health problem worldwide and that measures to avoid crashes, reduce the severity of crash injuries, provide rapid access to emergency services and fast response by emergency services following a crash, are critical for the health and well-being of the public;

Noting the cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan pursuant to their Agreement on Cooperation in Research and Development in Science and Technology signed on June 20, 1988 as amended and extended (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement);

Intend to cooperate as follows:

Article I

Purpose of Cooperation Arrangement

The purpose of this Arrangement is to identify areas of cooperation between the participants concerning improvements in traffic safety, Intelligent Transportation Systems, emergency access and emergency response that may be conducted.

Article II

Areas of Cooperation

Cooperation under this Arrangement may be conducted in the following areas:

1. Methods and technologies regarding traffic safety, including but not limited to, behavioral programs such as child passenger protection, and administrative programs such as drivers licensing, and;
2. Intelligent Transportation Systems applications regarding traffic management, including but not limited to, emergency access and response technologies such as automatic collision notification, automatic location of emergency callers, and emergency vehicle traffic management.

Article III

Forms of Cooperation

The participants intend to maintain an open and continuing dialog with regard to information relative to traffic safety, Intelligent Transportation Systems, emergency access and emergency response.

1. When mutually practical and convenient, the participants may hold joint meetings or forums to demonstrate technologies or share specific technical information.
2. The participants may share research and development plans relative to traffic safety improvements, Intelligent Transportation Systems, or emergency access and emergency response to facilitate rapid and coordinated development of advanced technologies and methods, as appropriate.

3. The participants may exchange personnel and conduct joint analyses, as mutually practical and convenient, in the pursuit of joint progress in the development of traffic safety, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and emergency access and response methods and technology.

Article IV

Funding

Cooperative activities under this Arrangement are subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Funds will not be transferred between the participants in connection with this Arrangement.

Article V

Disclaimer

Both participants intend to ensure the accuracy of information transmitted under this Arrangement. However, the accuracy of this information is not guaranteed. Each of the participants stipulate that use of such information is at its own risk, and neither participant holds the other responsible for damages arising from use of such data.

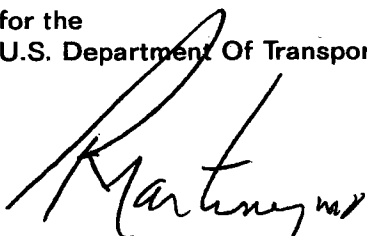
Article VI

Duration

This Arrangement should commence on the date last appearing below and should continue until either participant gives two months written notice of its intention not to continue the Arrangement.

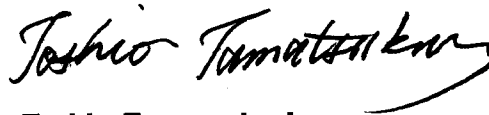
Signed in Washington on September 24, 1999, and in Tokyo on September 29, 1999.

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